

# Supervisor Romaine and Councilmen Panico Announce Plan to Build New Barrier-Free, Wheelchair Accessible Playground in Center Moriches

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**Farmingville, NY** - On November 21, Supervisor Ed Romaine and Deputy Supervisor/Councilman Dan Panico announced the Town's plan to construct a new, barrier-free, wheelchair accessible playground at Clayton Huey Elementary School in Center Moriches. Installation of the new playground, which will be funded with a Federal Community Development Block Grant provided through Suffolk County, is expected to be completed by the Fall of 2014 and will comply with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) guidelines. The new playground will be dedicated to Anthony Parlato, who passed away in April of this year. Mr. Parlato was well-known for his public service and volunteerism on behalf of children in the Center Moriches community.

"I couldn't think of a better way to honor Anthony Parlato than with a new, state-of-the-art wheelchair accessible playground," said Supervisor Romaine. "This will be a haven for all children to enjoy, and a place that parents can be confident that their child will have fun and be safe."

"This playground will honor the memory of Anthony Parlato who dedicated his life to helping others as well as meet a need in the community," commented Brookhaven Town Councilman Dan Panico. "It will be accessible to children of all ability levels and a safe place for parents to bring children in the community."

Pictured back row, left to right are Center Moriches School District (CMSD) Superintendent Russell Stewart, Supervisor Romaine, Clayton Huey Elementary School Principal Kim Hardwick, Councilman Panico, CMSD Board of Education Vice President Dan Finnegan, CMSD Deputy Superintendent Lynda Adams and CMSD Board of Education Trustee Heather Magill.

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